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SUBJECT: PREMIERE OF DOCUMENTARY ON US-USSR RELATIONS --
FIRST FORTY YEARS

1. MOSFILM PREMIERED ITS TRIBUTE TO DETENTE ON EVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S SECOND VISIT TO USSR JUNE 26 AT SMALL HALL OF OCTOBER THEATER ON MOSCOW'S SHOW-CASE KALININ PROSPECT. THE FORTY-FIVE MINUTE DOCUMENTARY TRACES DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR SINCE RELATIONS WERE FIRST OPENED BY PRESIDENT ROSSEVELT. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR LEONID MAKHNACH, FILM IS DESIGNED SHOW SOVIET PEOPLE HOW PROGRAM OF PEACE ADOPTED BY CPSU 24TH CONGRESS AND LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS HAS WON "EVER NEW VICTORIES" AS US AND USSR PASS FROM ERA OF CONFRONTATION TO ONE OF "PEACEFUL DIALOGUE."

2. FILM IS COMPOSED OF BITS AND PIECES OF BOTH SOVIET AND AMERICAN NEWSREELS AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY FILM CLIPS. THERE IS INTERESTING FOOTAGE SHOWING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLING FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, FOLLOWED BY SHOTS OF AMBASSADORS LITVINOV AND BULLITT PRESENTING THEIR CREDENTIALS. EARLY SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IS SHOWN THROUGH SHOTS OF US ENGINEERS HELPING THE SOVIETS BUILD LARGE HYDROELECTRIC DAMS IN THE THIRTIES. AMERICAN MILITARY AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE DURING WAR SHOWN THROUGH FOOTAGE OF MURMANSK CONVOY UNDERGOING GERMAN ATTACKS TO DELIVER TRUCKS, TANKS AND EXPLOSIVES TO BELEAGURED SOVIET UNION. WARTIME

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COOPERATION IS CAPPED BY SCENES OF SMILING SOVIET AND AMERICAN

SOLDIERS GREETING ONE ANOTHER ON THE ELBE, SHOTS OF SEVERAL AMERICAN OFFICERS RECEIVING DECORATIONS FROM A SOVIET MARSHALL AND BY SHORT SCENE OF GENERAL EISENHOWER BEING ESCORTED TO HIS PLANE BY MARSHALL ZHUKHOV.

3. COLD WAR IS BRIEFLY MENTIONED AS CAMERA PANS OVER NEW YORK CITY. BUT ANNOUNCER QUICKLY NOTES THAT EVEN DURING THOSE TIMES OF DIFFICULT RELATIONS, AMERICAN AND SOVIET COOPERATION CONTINUED THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES. SHOTS OF VAN CLIBURN WINNING TCHAIKOVSKY COMPETITION AND OF BOLSHOI BALLET RECEIVING WARM APPLAUSE OF AN AMERICAN AUDIENCE FOLLOW. FILM CONCLUDES WITH RECENT EVIDENCE OF THE EXPANDING AND FRIENDLIER RELATIONS ON ALL LEVELS WITH SHOTS OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS TOURING KAMA RIVER TRUCK PLANT AND SENATOR KENNEDY BEING GREETED BY SECRETARY BREZHNEV. GENEROUS FOOTAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN SOVIET UNION AND SECRETARY BREZHNEV IN UNITED STATES IS SPICED THROUGHOUT FILM. THERE IS NO MENTION OR SHOTS OF STALIN AND KHRUSHCHEV OR TRUMAN AND EISENHOWER AS PRESIDENT. THERE IS SMALL CLIP OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY MEETING WITH SOVIET COSMONAUTS.

4. THROUGHOUT FILM FOOTAGE OF GREAT SOVIET ACHIEVEMENTS APPEARS AS LEITMOTIV TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE THAT SOVIET UNION IS CULMINATION OF WORKING MASSES' DREAMS. OCCASIONAL AND SUBTLE COMPARISONS ARE DRAWN BY JUXTAPOSING SHOTS OF HAPPY AND BUSY SOVIET WORKERS WITH SCENES OF BREAD LINES AND LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S. AS ONE OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REMARKED TO EMBASSY OFFICER ON WAY OUT OF THEATER, "YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT THE FILM WAS MADE FOR SOVIET AUDIENCES." IT WAS INDEED, BUT ON THE WHOLE IT PORTRAYS U.S. SYMPATHETICALLY AND CONVEYS POINT THAT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE STRONG AND GROWING STRONGER AND THAT EVEN IN WORST OF TIMES POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL CULTURAL CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLES EXISTED. STOESSEL

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